# IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS AUSTIN DIVISION 200

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Plaintiff,	)	
$\mathbf{v}.$	) C.A.	No. 1:05-CV-00198
ALCATEL,	)	
AMOI ELECTRONICS, INC.,	)	
ANEXTEK GLOBAL INC.,	)	
ARIMA COMMUNICATION CORP.,	)	
AUDIOVOX COMMUNICATIONS CO	RP., )	
CHI MEI COMMUNICATION SYSTEM INC.,	MS, ) )	
COMPAL COMMUNICATIONS, INC.,	)	
CURITEL COMMUNICATIONS, INC.,	)	
GIZMONDO EUROPE LTD.,	)	
HAIER GROUP CO.,	)	
HAIER AMERICA IMPORT L.L.C.,	)	
HAIER AMERICA TRADING L.L.C.,	)	
HON HAI PRECISION INDUSTRY CO	., )	
LIMITED,	)	
RESEARCH IN MOTION LIMITED,	)	
RESEARCH IN MOTION CORP.,	)	
SHARP CORPORATION, a.k.a.	)	
SHARP KABUSHIKI KAISHA,	)	
SYNNEX CORP.,	)	
TCL COMMUNICATION	)	
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TIGER TELEMATICS, INC.,	)	
TOSHIBA AMERICA, INC.,	)	
TOSHIBA AMERICA ELECTRONIC	)	
COMPONENTS, INC.,	)	
VK CORPORATION,	)	
VK MOBILE USA, INC., AND	)	
UTSTARCOM, INC.	)	
Defendants.	)	
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AUDIOVOX COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION	)
Third-Party Plaintiff,	1 / 1 / 1
V.	
TOSHIBA CORPORATION, CURITEL COMMUNICATIONS INC., HIGH TECH COMPUTER CORPORATION, SHARP COMMUNICATIONS, WISTRON CORPORATION,	ノイノイノイントラトラト
Third-Party Defendants.	`

# DEFENDANT AUDIOVOX COMMUNICATION CORP.'S ANSWER TO PLAINTIFF'S SECOND AMENDED COMPLAINT, CROSS COMPLAINT, AND THIRD-PARTY COMPLAINT

#### **ANSWER**

COMES NOW defendant Audiovox Communications Corp. ("ACC") and answers the Second Amended Complaint of Plaintiff Board of Regents of the University of Texas System ("Board of Regents") as follows, all allegations not expressly admitted below being denied.

# **The Parties**

- 1. ACC lacks information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations and therefore denies the allegations.
- 2. ACC lacks information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations and therefore denies the allegations.
- 3. ACC lacks information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations and therefore denies the allegations.

- 4. ACC lacks information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations and therefore denies the allegations.
- 5. ACC lacks information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations and therefore denies the allegations.
- 6. ACC lacks information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations and therefore denies the allegations.
- 7. ACC admits that it is a Delaware corporation having a principle place of business at Hauppauge, New York 11788. ACC admits that it is a nonresident of Texas, does not maintain a regular place of business in the state, and does not maintain a designated agent for service of process in the state. ACC also admits that prior to the divestment of all relevant assets on November 1, 2004, ACC introduced products into the stream of commerce in the United States with knowledge that such products would be sold in Texas. As to the remaining allegations, ACC lacks information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth thereof and therefore denies the remaining allegations
- 8. ACC lacks information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations and therefore denies the allegations.
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# **Jurisdiction and Venue**

- 29. ACC admits the jurisdiction of the United States District Courts over actions for patent infringement pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §271 *et seq.* and 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and 1338(a).
- 30. As to the claims asserted against it, ACC admits that it is subject to personal jurisdiction in this district and denies the remaining allegations relevant to it. As to the other defendants, ACC lacks information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations and therefore denies the allegations

31. As to the claims asserted against it, ACC admits that venue is proper in this judicial district under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1391(b) and (d). As to the remaining allegations asserted against it, ACC denies these allegations. As to the other defendants, ACC lacks information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations and therefore denies the allegations.

# **Patent Infringement**

- 32. ACC repeats the denials and admissions in paragraphs 1-31 as though fully set forth herein.
- 33. ACC acknowledges that Plaintiff, Board of Regents is identified as the assignee on the cover page of United States Patent No. 4,674,112 ("the '112 Patent") which bears an issue date of June 16, 1987. ACC lacks information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations and therefore denies the remaining allegations.
- 34. ACC admits that Exhibit A to the Second Amended Complaint purports to be a copy of the '112 Patent which bears the title, "Character Pattern Recognition and Communications Apparatus." ACC lacks information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations and therefore denies the remaining allegations.
  - 35. ACC denies the allegations.
- 36. ACC lacks information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations and therefore denies the allegations.
- 37. ACC lacks information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations and therefore denies the allegations.

- 38. ACC lacks information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations and therefore denies the allegations.
- 39. ACC lacks information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations and therefore denies the allegations.
- 40. ACC denies all acts of infringement of the '112 patent, both past and continuing. As to the other defendant, ACC lacks information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations and therefore denies the allegations.
- 41. ACC denies all acts of infringement of the '112 patent, both past and continuing.
- 42. ACC lacks information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations and therefore denies the allegations.
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- 55. ACC denies all acts of infringement of the '112 patent, both past and continuing. As to the other defendants, ACC lacks information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations and therefore denies the allegations.
- 56. ACC denies all acts of infringement of the '112 patent, both past and continuing, and any liability to Board of Regents. As to the other defendants, ACC lacks information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations and therefore denies the allegations.

57. ACC denies all acts of infringement of the '112 patent, both past and continuing, and any harm to Board of Regents or entitlement of Board of Regents to an injunction. ACC lacks information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations and therefore denies the allegations.

# **Defenses**

# FIRST DEFENSE

58. ACC has not infringed (either literally or under the doctrine of equivalents), actively induced infringement, or contributorally infringed any valid and enforceable claim of the '112 Patent.

#### **SECOND DEFENSE**

59. The '112 Patent is invalid and/or unenforceable for failing to satisfy the conditions for patentability set forth in Title 35 of the United States Code §101 et seq.

# THIRD DEFENSE

60. Board of Regents' claims are barred by reason of Board of Regents' conduct under the doctrines of laches, acquiescence and/or estoppel.

# FOURTH DEFENSE

61. Board of Regents' claim for damages, if any, is limited by 35 U.S.C. § 286 and/or § 287.

# PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, ACC prays that:

- (1) this Court dismiss the Complaint against ACC with prejudice;
- (2) this Court award ACC its costs, including reasonable attorneys fees and all of its expenses for defending this civil action; and
- (3) this Court award other and such further relief as this Court may deem proper.

# CROSS COMPLAINT AND THIRD-PARTY COMPLAINT

Cross-Plaintiff and Third-Party Plaintiff Audiovox Communications Corp.

("ACC"), through counsel, hereby complains of Toshiba Corporation ("Toshiba"),

Curitel Communications, Inc. ("Curitel"), High Tech Computer Corporation ("HTC"),

Sharp Corporation ("Sharp") and Wistron Corporation ("Wistron") as follows:

# **Nature of the Action**

62. This is an action by ACC against the Cross-Defendants Curitel and Sharp, and Third-Party Defendants Toshiba, HTC, and Wistron under contracts of indemnification against the claim of infringement of the '112 Patent asserted in this civil action against ACC by Board of Regents of the University of Texas System ("Board of Regents").

# The Parties

- 63. ACC is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware having a place of business in Hauppauge, New York.
- 64. On information and belief, Toshiba is an alien corporation having a place of business at 1-1, Shibaura 1-chome, Minato-ku, Tokyo, Japan.
- 65. On information and belief, Curitel is an alien corporation having a place of business at Peungwha Seocho Bldg. 1451-34, Seocho-dong, Seocho-gu, Seoul 137-070, Korea.
- 66. On information and belief, HTC is an alien corporation having a place of business at 23 Hua Road, Taoyuan, Taiwan, R.O.C.
- 67. On information and belief, Sharp is an alien corporation having a place of business at 22-22 Nagaike-cho, Abeno-ku, Osaka 545-8522, Japan.
- 68. On information and belief, Wistron is an alien corporation having a place of business at 21F, 88, Sec 1, Hsin Wu, Hsichi, Taipei Hsein 221, Taiwan, R.O.C.

# **Jurisdiction And Venue**

- 69. Board of Regents brought this Civil Action No. 1:05-CV-00198 against ACC asserting liability for infringing the '112 Patent, which liability has been denied by ACC.
- 70. This action arises under the patent laws and involves a common nucleus of operative facts and/or the same transaction and occurrence as the claim asserted by Board

of Regents against ACC. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1338 and 1367.

- 71. Toshiba conducts business in Texas and has introduced the products accused by Board of Regents to infringe the '112 Patent in the stream of commerce in the United States knowing that such products would be sold by ACC in Texas. Venue is proper under 28 U.S.C. § 1391.
- 72. Curitel conducts business in Texas and has introduced the products accused by Board of Regents to infringe the '112 Patent in the stream of commerce in the United States knowing that such products would be sold by ACC in Texas. Venue is proper under 28 U.S.C. § 1391.
- 73. HTC conducts business in Texas and has introduced the products accused by Board of Regents to infringe the '112 Patent in the stream of commerce in the United States knowing that such products would be sold by ACC in Texas. Venue is proper under 28 U.S.C. § 1391.
- 74. Sharp conducts business in Texas and has introduced the products accused by Board of Regents to infringe the '112 Patent in the stream of commerce in the United States knowing that such products would be sold by ACC in Texas. Venue is proper under 28 U.S.C. § 1391.
- 75. Wistron conducts business in Texas and has introduced the products accused by Board of Regents to infringe the '112 Patent in the stream of commerce in the United States knowing that such products would be sold by ACC in Texas. Venue is proper under 28 U.S.C. § 1391.

# **COUNT 1**

# BREACH OF WARRANTY OF TITLE AND NON-INFRINGEMENT

- 76. ACC repeats and realleges each and every allegation contained in paragraphs 62-75 of this Cross Complaint And Third-Party Complaint as if fully set forth herein.
- 77. Toshiba, Curitel, HTC, Sharp and Wistron sold to ACC all of the alleged products sold by ACC and accused by Board of Regents of infringing the '112 Patent under a contract of sale within the meaning of N.Y. U.C.C. Law § 2-312 that provides that New York law shall apply.
- 78. Toshiba, Curitel, HTC, Sharp and Wistron are merchants regularly dealing in goods of the kind of the products accused by Board of Regents to infringe the '112 Patent within the meaning of N.Y. U.C.C. Law § 2-312.
- 79. Toshiba, Curitel, HTC, Sharp and Wistron have warranted to ACC that the products sold to ACC would be free of any claim of patent infringement.
- 80. While ACC has denied and does deny that it has infringed the '112 Patent and/or that it is in any way liable to Board of Regents, Toshiba, Curitel, HTC, Sharp and Wistron have breached their warranty of title and freedom from a claim of patent infringement.

# **COUNT II**

# BREACH OF WARRANTY OF MERCHANTABILITY

- 81. ACC repeats and realleges each and every allegation contained in paragraphs 62-80 of this Cross Complaint And Third-Party Complaint as if fully set forth herein.
- 82. Toshiba, Curitel, HTC, Sharp and Wistron sold to ACC all of the alleged products sold by ACC and accused by Board of Regents of infringing the '112 Patent under a contract of sale within the meaning of N.Y. U.C.C. Law § 2-314 that provides that New York law shall apply.
- 83. Toshiba, Curitel, HTC, Sharp and Wistron are merchants regularly dealing in goods of the kind of the products accused by Board of Regents to infringe the '112 Patent within the meaning of N.Y. U.C.C. Law § 2-314.
- 84. Toshiba, Curitel, HTC, Sharp and Wistron have warranted to ACC that the products sold to ACC would be delivered in a merchantable condition.
- 85. While ACC has denied and does deny that it has infringed the '112 Patent and/or that it is in any way liable to Board of Regents, Toshiba, Curitel, HTC, Sharp and Wistron have breached their warranty of merchantability.

# **COUNT III**

# BREACH OF WARRANTY OF FITNESS FOR PARTICULAR PURPOSE

- 86. ACC repeats and realleges each and every allegation contained in paragraphs 62-85 of this Cross Complaint And Third-Party Complaint as if fully set forth herein.
- 87. Toshiba, Curitel, HTC, Sharp and Wistron sold to ACC all of the alleged products sold by ACC and accused by Board of Regents of infringing the '112 Patent under a contract of sale within the meaning of N.Y. U.C.C. Law § 2-315 that provides, inter alia, that New York law shall apply.
- 88. Toshiba, Curitel, HTC, Sharp and Wistron are sellers and ACC is a buyer within the meaning of N.Y. U.C.C. Law § 2-315.
- 89. At the time of the sale of the accused products to ACC, Toshiba, Curitel, HTC, Sharp and Wistron had reason to know, and knew, the particular purpose for which ACC purchased the accused products.
- 90. At the time of the sale of the accused products to ACC, Toshiba, Curitel, HTC, Sharp and Wistron warranted to ACC that the products sold to ACC would be delivered fit for the particular purpose for which purchased by ACC.
- 91. While ACC has denied and does deny that it has infringed the '112 Patent and/or that it is in any way liable to Board of Regents, Toshiba, Curitel, HTC, Sharp and Wistron have breached their warranty of fitness for a particular purpose.

# **COUNT IV**

# **INDEMNITY**

- 92. ACC repeats and realleges each and every allegation contained in paragraphs 62-91 of this Cross Complaint And Third-Party Complaint as if fully set forth herein.
- 93. Toshiba, Curitel, HTC, Sharp and Wistron sold to ACC all of the alleged products sold by ACC and accused by Board of Regents of infringing the '112 Patent.
- 94. At all relevant times, Toshiba, Curitel, HTC, Sharp and Wistron are and have been obligated to indemnify and hold harmless ACC from and against all claims of patent infringement.
- 95. While ACC has denied and does deny that it has infringed the '112 Patent and/or that it is in any way liable to Board of Regents, Toshiba, Curitel, HTC, Sharp and Wistron have breached their obligation to defend and hold harmless.

#### PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, ACC prays that this Court enter a judgment in favor of ACC and against Toshiba, Curitel, HTC, Sharp and Wistron as to all of the accused products sold by them to ACC:

- A. declaring that they have breached their warranty of title and non-infringement;
- B. declaring that they have breached their warranty of merchantability;
- C. declaring that they have breached their warranty of fitness for a particular purpose;

- D. declaring that Toshiba, Curitel, HTC, Sharp and Wistron are liable to ACC to indemnify and hold ACC harmless from and against any claims or demands of Board of Regents arising from infringement of the '112 Patent;
- E. awarding to ACC its attorney fees and costs incurred in defending againstBoard of Regents in the action for patent infringement;
- F. awarding to ACC its attorney fees and costs incurred in bringing and prosecuting this third-party action;
- G. awarding to ACC all sums that may be adjudicated against ACC in favor of Board of Regents in the action for patent infringement, including without limitation, any interest thereon; and
- H. awarding ACC such other and further relief as this Court may deem proper.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document has been sent to all counsel of record noted below on this the 19<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2005:

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